

BSMS Steering Group Expression of Interest 2025

The Blood Stocks Management Scheme (BSMS) was established in 2001 to understand and improve blood inventory management across the blood supply chain.

Central to its work is VANESA, the data management system where hospital and blood service data is submitted. In return, participants can view real time data and charts. The BSMS has a large bank of data on the blood supply chain and has detailed knowledge of its various elements.

NHSBT hosts the BSMS but it is funded by the UK Forum.

The BSMS Steering Group was established in 2002 to provide professional ownership and strategic direction for the BSMS. It monitors the performance of BSMS and is accountable to the UK Forum, through the BSMS Manager, for the use of resources and management of the budget.

Due to team expansion and staff changes the steering group is being refreshed and is looking for new members to attend quarterly virtual meetings via MS teams to:

- To develop strategic direction of the BSMS and support with annual workplan
- To report to the UK forum (via the BSMS manager)
- To provide support and operational direction to the BSMS team
- To endorse recommendations and guidelines from the BSMS
- To support with the monitoring of participant performance (activity and inventory management)
- To monitor the impacts of operational supply and component changes within the supply chain
- To ensure integrity and confidentiality of the data received by the BSMS
- To act as a representative of all BSMS users and provide feedback
- Formulating recommendations based on BSMS findings and ensuring that these are endorsed and disseminated via professional bodies
- To support the Lead Specialists and BSMS Manager in planning and undertaking research within the field of blood inventory management.
- Promoting and supporting BSMS recommendations and activities through professional networks
- Maintain academic links with institutions in supply chain research (such as Cranfield University)
- Review the relevance and value of the BSMS
- Periodically review and ratify the BSMS Steering Group Terms of Reference

- To assist the Lead Specialists and BSMS manager on the subject of the inventory practice surveys
- To support BSMS in developing improvements to software platforms as required
- To suggest and support development of educational materials as required
- To support BSMS on the communications strategy

We are looking for members both within and outside of NHSBT who work across the entire blood supply chain, from component supply to hospital transfusion.

If you would like to be considered as a member of the BSMS Steering Group please email your expression of interest including:

1. Why you would like to be considered for membership
2. What skills and knowledge you have which would benefit the group
3. Your engagement with the scheme to date.

Expressions will be gratefully received by email to bsms@nhst.nhs.uk by 15th August.

Successful applicants will be contacted via email by 31st August with first meeting to take place via MS teams in September 2025.